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OPENING PRAYER

Review:

- **Descendants to Noah - Prophetic Gospel meaning of the Genealogy:**
- **Man (is)...Appointed...Mortal...Sorrow (but)...The Blessed God...Shall come down...Teaching...His death shall bring...The Despairing...Comfort, Rest!**
- **Moral and spiritual conditions in the antediluvian world had deteriorated** with the passing years., not only among the Cainites but eventually among the Sethites as well. Then, *in the days of Noah*, a strange and terrible event took place leading rapidly to such a tidal wave of violence and wickedness over the earth that there was no longer any remedy but utter destruction.
- **The sons of God saw the daughters of men and took them as their wives**, the children of such unions being *giants in the earth*, mighty men of renown, monsters not only in size but also in wickedness.
- **Warning and admonishment - (Pro 18:13)** *He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and*

shame to him. (*Ecc 1:9*) *That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.*

- (*Act 17:11*) *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE DAYS OF NOAH

(*Mat 24:37-39*) *But as **the days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. [38] For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, [39] and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

(*Gen 6:1-4*) *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, [2] that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. [3] And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." [4] There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*

Two views -

- **The Godly line of Seth going into the ungodly line of Cain.**
- **The “angel” view – The *Nephilim*, fallen angels, taking women for themselves, producing hybrids of strange creatures (the *Nephilim*).**
- **Seen in many world-wide, ancient cultures.** There are these mythical legends re the *Nephilim* in many cultures, such as Sumer, Assyria, Egypt, Incas, Mayan, Gilgamesh, Persia, Greece, India, Bolivia, South Sea Islands, American Indians! Think of the Tartans in Greek mythology, such as of Zeus, Atlas, Hercules.

Gen 6:1-2 *Now it came to pass (about 1600 years after the fall), **when men** (men in general) began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, [2] that the sons of God (*bene elohim*, a direct creation of God) saw the *daughters of men* (*Beboth Adam*, daughters of Adam, not of a particular son of Adam), that they were beautiful; and they took wives (women) for themselves of all whom they chose.*

- ***Men began to multiply.* God had commanded Adam and Eve to “multiply” (*Gen 1:28*). With each man and woman enjoying hundreds of years of parental productivity plus almost ideal environmental and climatological conditions, the earth could well have been “filled” with people long before the Flood. If we assume that the average generation was ninety-four years, and that the average family size was eight children, and that the average age was five hundred years old (though those that we have listed average out at 912). But if we say the average was five hundred years, eight children, and ninety-four years making a generation, at that rate at the time of Noah's flood there were 137 billion people living on face of the earth.**
- ***The sons of God (*bene elohim*).* In Hebrew it is a technical term, always used throughout the Bible as a direct creation of God, including Adam and the angels. The identity of these “sons of God” has been a matter of much discussion, but the obvious meaning is that they were angelic beings. This was the uniform interpretation of the ancient Jews, who translated the phrase as “*angels of God*” in their Septuagint translation of the Old Testament. In the New Testament it can refer to those who are born again—a new creation. (*John 1:12*) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children (sons) of God, to those who believe in His name:***
- **It appears that the *sons of God* here is a reference to fallen angels,** The term “sons of God,” *bene elohim* in the Old Testament, are used of angels in many cases. The classic case, of course, in the book of Job, “*And the sons of God were presenting themselves to God, and Satan also came with them*” (*Job 1:6*). We are dealing now with abnormal sex. As these fallen angels, could be that these are the ones that Peter is referring to that are reserved in the chains of *Tartarus*.” (Chuck Smith).

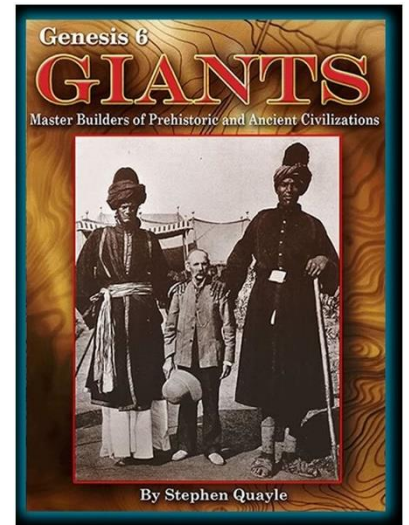
- **The sons of God, bene elohim in the Old Testament is exclusively used in reference to fallen angels.** The term "sons of God," is always used of angels! The classic case, of course, in (*Job 1:6;2:1;38:7*) *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.*
- **In the New Testament in (*Joh 1:12*) . But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children (sons) of God, to those who believe in His name.**
- **We are dealing now with abnormal sex. As these fallen angels, as likely Peter is referring to (*2Pe 2:4-6*)** *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; [5] and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; [6] and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; that are reserved in the chains of Tartarus. That is the only place in the Bible where Tartarus is mentioned, but it is mentioned in classical Greek. As in classical Greek they say as Hades is below the earth, so Tartarus is below Hades. But we are told that these angels are waiting in chains in Tartarus. Jude speaks of the angels which kept not their first estate, but are being reserved in chains of darkness awaiting the day of judgment. (Chuck Smith).*
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- **These sons of God, these particular Satanic angels, compounded their original sin in following Satan in his rebellion against God** by now leaving *their own abode* and keeping not their *proper domain, going after strange flesh*, as later did the Sodomites. (*Jud 1:6,7*) *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain (oikētērion – habitation, principality), but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; [7] as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. The fallen angels left their habitation, which we actually aspire to, (2Co 5:2) For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven.*
- **Casting them down to hell (Tartarus) - (*2Pe 2:4-6*)** *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; [5] and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; [6] and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; that are reserved in the chains of Tartarus (dark abode of woe). Also in (1Pe 3:19,20) by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, [20] who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.*
- **Took wives for themselves. The “taking” of these women most likely refers to fallen angels, or demons, “possessing” their bodies.** The word “wives” (Hebrew *ishshah*) is better translated “women.” There is no necessary intimation of actual marriage involved. By this time in history, anarchism and amorality were so widespread that these demons were easily able to take possession of the bodies of multitudes of ungodly men; these in turn engaged in promiscuous sex with demon-possessed women, with a resulting rapid population growth, Satan perhaps hoping thereby to generate a vast army of human recruits to his rebellion and also to thwart the coming of God’s promised Seed by thus corrupting all flesh. (Henry Morris)

Gen 6:3 *And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years (until God's judgment of The Flood)."*

- **God is not putting a limit on age, so much as He is declaring in a hundred and twenty years He's going to bring His judgment and wipe out the earth unless there is repentance**, unless there is a change. It appears that one hundred and twenty years from this time that God brought His judgment. "His days are numbered." God is saying, Man has a hundred and twenty years and then judgment will come!"
- **My Spirit shall not strive. One of the ministries of God's Holy Spirit has always been to convict man's spirit of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. (Joh 16:8).** Man is also "flesh," however, and there is perpetual conflict between the flesh and the spirit, even in the life of a believer (**Rom 8:5**) *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.* God is long-suffering with respect to man's rebellion, but only for a time: the hour of His judgment must eventually arrive.
- **One hundred and twenty years. This prophecy was apparently given, perhaps through Methuselah, just 120 years before the coming Flood.** The prophet Enoch had already been translated. Shem, Ham and Japheth had not yet been born and God's specific commands to Noah (*Gen 5:32; Gen 6:10, 13, Gen 6:21*) not yet given.

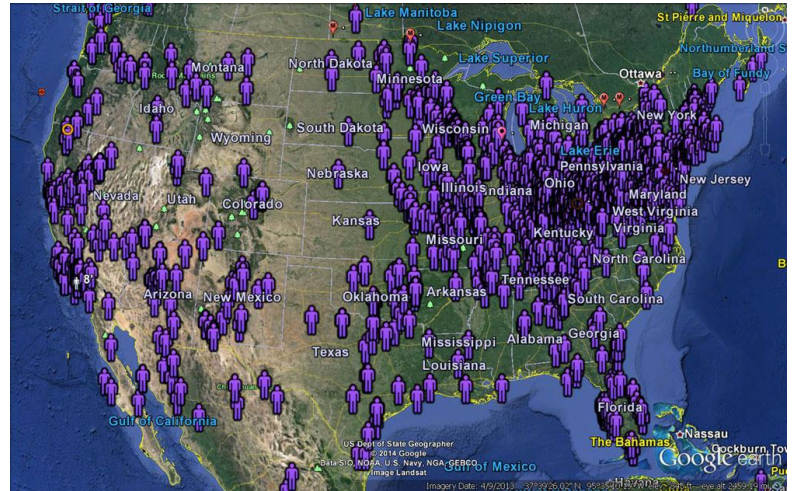
Gen 6:4 *There were giants (nephilim, the meaning *the fallen ones*, not giants) on the earth in those days, and also afterward (significant, foundational, not ending with the flood), when the sons of God (*bene elohim*, a direct creation of God) **came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.** (Think of Goliath, whom David defeated; King Og – 12 feet tall)*

- **Giants.** This word in Hebrews is *nephilim*, which does not mean giants, but it means "fallen ones." When these Nephilim found a way to procreate through the daughters of men, a hybrid breed was formed, the Nephilim, meaning fallen ones. This was translated into Greek in the Septuagint as *gigantes*, meaning earthborn, or Titans, in Greek mythology. The English translators picked up, transliterated it, calling them "giants," which were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. They, the Post-Flood Nephilim, were also known as the *Rephaim, Zamzummim, Emim, Amorite, Anakim, Nephilim,* and *Zuzim*. Joshua was commanded to wipe out every man, woman, and child! Satan has always attempted to introduce confusion to prevent the Messianic line and Israel from continuing. **What do you imagine this world will be after the Rapture?**
- **giants.** These "giants" were the monstrous progeny of the demon-possessed men and women whose illicit activities led to God's warning of imminent judgment. The Hebrew word is *nephilim* ("fallen ones"), a term possibly relating to the nature of their spiritual "parents," the fallen angels. That they were also physical giants is evident from the fact that the same word is later used in connection with the giants in Canaan at the time of Joshua in (**Num 13:33**) *There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight,* and by the fact that the word here was translated in the Septuagint by the Greek word *gigantes*.
- **Photo - Robert Pershing Wadlow** (February 22, 1918 – July 15, 1940), also known as the **Alton Giant** and the **Giant of Illinois**, was an American man who was the tallest person in recorded history for whom there is irrefutable evidence. He was born and raised in Alton, Illinois, a small city near St. Louis, Missouri. Wadlow's height was 8 ft 11.1 inches, while his weight reached 439 lbs. at his death at age 22.
- **And also afterward.** "Afterward" clearly refers to (**Num 13:33**) and probably represents an editorial insertion in Noah's record by Moses. These giants in



Canaan may also have had demonically-controlled parents; they were also known as the Anakim, the sons of Anak.

- **daughters of men.** The idea that these “daughters of men” were actually descendants of Cain, and the “sons of God” descendants of Seth has been a widely held Christian naturalistic interpretation. This was not the intended meaning of the writer, however, who could certainly have written that the male descendants of Seth began to take wives from the daughters of Cain if that were his meaning. The descendants of Seth were not “sons of God” (most of them perished in the Flood) and the female descendants of both Cain and Seth were certainly “daughters of men” (literally, daughters of Adam). Besides, Adam had many other sons in addition to Cain and Seth. Further, even though intermarriage between believers and unbelievers is wrong, it could not in itself have produced universal wickedness and violence.



- **men of renown.** The antediluvian giants had, by the time of Moses, become renowned heroes of antiquity, as far as the world was concerned. They, like their parents, were probably demon-controlled, their giant stature engineered by genetic manipulations discovered and carried out by these evil spirits. They could not have been demi-gods (half man, half “god”), however, as ancient mythology claims, since such imaginary beings are beyond the pale of God’s creative purposes. Fallen angels are not prospects for salvation, whereas fallen men and women are. A half-angel, half-human being would be an impossible anomaly, in terms of soteriology. The only apparent solution to all the problems posed by these verses is demon possession of both parents and progeny, *not* demonic marriage or procreation.” (Henry Morris)
- **There were giants on the earth in those days.** The by-product of the genetic engineering and the cohabiting with the sons of God and the daughters of men.
- **and also afterward,** when the sons of God came in into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, they were the mighty men who were of old [the Nethinim, supermen], men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually (Gen 6:4–5). Man's mind had become so completely polluted that in his imagination it was only evil, evil thoughts continually.” (Chuck Smith)
- **The Pawnee Account – from the 1920 autobiography of William F. Cody, (Buffalo Bill), (1846-1917)** “While we were in the sandhills, scouting the Niobrara country, the Pawnee Indians brought into camp some very large bones, one of which the surgeon of the expedition pronounced to be the thigh bone of a human being. The Indians said the bones were those of a race of people who long ago had lived in that country. They said these people were three times the size of a man of the present day, that they were so swift and strong that they could run by the side of buffalo, and take the animal in one arm, could tear off a leg and eat it as they ran.”
- **Does genetic transfers of human DNA into animals suggest that we are entering the period which Jesus likened to the “days of Noah”?** (2Ti 3:13) *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*

Gen 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- **Man's mind had become so completely polluted that in his imagination it was only evil thoughts continually.** The wicked intrigues of Satan and his angels quickly achieved great success, not only among the Cainites, but even among the descendants of Seth. God had made man in His own image, to respond with a heart of love to His love, but now every imagination of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually! Man had been told to multiply and fill the earth, but now the earth was filled with violence! And God was sorry that He had made man on the earth! That was the condition that

existed when God said, “My Spirit will not always strive with man. It’s enough! I’ve had it!” This interest, continues today, in Satanism, this abnormal sexual activity, the evil of the imagination of man’s hearts.

- **only evil continually.** Universal wickedness requires a universal cause adequate to produce it. Nothing less than a worldwide influx of demonic control seems adequate to explain it.

Gen 6:6 And the LORD was sorry (*nawkham* – to sigh, breathe strongly be sorry. God was hurt.) **He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.**

- **In His heart.** The first mention of the word “heart” occurs here, connecting the evil in man’s heart with grief in God’s heart. This figure occurs often in Scripture, the “heart” representing the deepest seat of one’s emotions and decisions.

Gen 6:7 So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

- **I am sorry** (*it repented the LORD*) **that I have made them.** The apparent contradiction involved in the Biblical record of God “repenting” when the Bible (KJV) also says God does *not* repent as contrasted in (*1Sa 15:11*) *It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.* Also in (*1Sa 15:29*) *And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.* This is resolved in terms of man’s viewpoint versus God’s viewpoint. To “repent” means to “change the mind.” God cannot repent, since He cannot change His mind concerning evil. He *seems* to repent, when man changes *his* mind concerning evil. God’s attitude toward man is conditioned by man’s attitude toward Him. It is because God does *not* repent that He must *seem* to repent when man “changes his mind.”

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- **In the midst of a wicked and a perverse generation, one man stood out—Noah!** *He found grace in the eyes of the LORD*, and by faith Noah walked with God.
- **found grace.** This is the first mention of “*grace*” in the Bible: the first mention in the New Testament is (*Luk 1:30*) where Mary “found favor” (same word as “grace”) with God. God’s grace is found, not earned! Note the consistent Biblical order here: Noah first found grace! Then he was a justified, righteous man, finally becoming perfect (complete or mature) in his relation to both God and man, and ultimately walking with God in a life of total faith and fellowship.

Noah and the Flood

Gen 6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just (righteous) **man, perfect** (*tamiym*-without blemish, without corruption) **in his generations. Noah walked with God.**

- **Genealogy of Noah.** This seems to be Noah’s signature concluding his personal record (*Genesis 5:29-6:9a*). It is significant that his last word emphasizes only that he was being saved from a sinful world merely by the grace of God!
- **A just man.** Although not sinless, Noah was obedient to God, being righteous before God. He is an outstanding example of parental example and guidance. His sons were saved on the ark because of his own righteousness!
- **Perfect** (*tamiy*, always refers to a physical blemish) **in his generations. His genetic line was not blemished, not corrupted by the extreme demonic activity.** There was no contaminating, demonic admixture with these sons of God and *daughters of men*. There was a pure strain here.
- **That is probably referring to a pureness.** In other words, there was no admixture with these sons of God and *daughters of men*. There was a pure strain here. The whole world was becoming corrupt by the abnormal sexual relationships and genetic engineering, but here was a pure line; he was pure in his generations.” (Chuck Smith)

Gen 6:10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

- **The earth was filled with violence.** So conditions that had resulted out of the breakdown of the family: marriage and divorce, marrying and giving in marriage, the breakdown of the family unit and the social chaos of violence and corruption filling the earth.

Gen 6:12 *So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*

- **all flesh.** Since “all flesh,” as destroyed in the Flood, included animals, which as they shared in man’s curse and now in the judgment of the Flood. This verse may possibly imply the development of carnivorous appetites and increasing hostility to man by the animals. Notice there is no evidence that any sons of Seth survived the flood!

Gen 6:13 *And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

- **God did not promise to destroy man from the earth, but with the earth!** The physical earth-system itself, as man’s home and dominion, must share in his judgment. The Flood obviously was to be global and cataclysmic, not local or tranquil, as some have sought to interpret it.

Gen 6:14 *Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside (for preservation?) and outside with pitch (kaphar-atonement).*

- **pitch.** The ark (an ancient Hebrew word used also for the small box in which the infant Moses floated on the Nile) was made of a hard dense wood whose species has not yet been identified. It was made waterproof, by a resin base, probably not bituminous pitch (a different Hebrew word) but by some as-yet-unknown “covering.” The Hebrew word is *kophar*, equivalent to *kaphar*, frequently translated later as “atonement (the blood)” (*Lev 17:11*). In providing a protective covering against the waters of judgment, it thus becomes a beautiful type of Christ!
- **Cover it inside – Why do you suppose it was covered inside, with pitch?** Could it be for the preservation of the ark as a testimony for a far later time?

Gen 6:15 *And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.*

- **Three hundred cubits.** The dimensions of the ark were ideally designed both for stability and capacity. It has been shown hydrodynamically that the ark would have been practically impossible to capsize and would have been reasonably comfortable, even during violent waves and winds. Assuming the ancient cubit to have been only 17.5 inches (the smallest suggested by any authority), the ark could have carried as many as 125,000 sheep-sized animals. (capacity of more than 500 railroad boxcars). Since there are not more than about 25,000 species of land animals known (that is, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians), either living or extinct, and since the average size of such animals is certainly much less than that of a sheep, it is obvious that all the animals could easily have been stored in less than half the capacity of Noah’s ark, each pair in appropriate “rooms” (literally “nests”).

Gen 6:16 *You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.*

- **window.** The “window” was probably an opening for light and ventilation extending circumferentially around the ark, with a parapet to keep out the rain. The one large door in the side was to be closed only once (after the animals were in) and opened only once (to release them a year later).
- **third stories.** The three decks may have been laid out as follows: large animals on the bottom; small animals and food storage on the middle deck; family quarters, possessions, records, etc., on the top deck. Water could have been stored in cisterns on the roof and piped throughout the ark where needed. Overhead water storage could also have provided fluid pressure for various other uses.

Gen 6:17 *And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.*

- **a flood.** The Flood (Hebrew *mabbul*) was a unique event. Various other words were used in Scripture for local floods. The *mabbul* was the Flood.
- **everything that is on the earth.** The purpose of the Flood—to destroy all flesh—could only have been accomplished by a worldwide deluge. The idea of a local flood is merely a frivolous conceit of Christians seeking to avoid imagined geological difficulties. Although many marine organisms would perish in the upheavals, everything in the earth (that is, “on the earth”) would die.

Gen 6:18 *But I will establish My covenant (first use, solemn compact between two parties) with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.*

Gen 6:19 *And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.*

- **two of every sort.** Two of each kind of bird, cattle, and creeping thing (the “beasts” are also included in **(Gen 7:14)** *they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort,* were to be put on the ark. Again, marine animals are omitted, as representatives of their kinds could survive outside the ark. Note that the animals *will come to You!* God directed to the ark, by a miraculous selection process, those animals who possessed the necessary genes for the migratory instincts which would be needed by their survivors in the post-Flood world. Noah did not have to gather the animals himself, but merely to take into the ark two of each kind as God sent them to him.

Gen 6:20 *Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.*

- **God put instinctively in the animals, which He brought to the ark and to Adam.** It is interesting that they believe that animals can instinctively predict earthquakes. They are watching the behavior of animals, and it seems like there is an abnormal behavior before an earthquake. That maybe they know something that we don't know, or they can sense something that we can't sense. There are interesting things about the instinctive capacities of animals.

Gen 6:21 *And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."*

- **You shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten.** Since the pre-Flood world was essentially uniform climatologically, it was probably equally uniform ecologically, with representatives of all plants and animals located reasonably near Noah's home base.

Gen 6:22 *Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.*

- **so did he.** This simple statement summarizes a whole century of absolute obedience to God's Word by Noah, under the most difficult and discouraging of circumstances. Not only here but three other times it is said that Noah did all God commanded him! **(Gen 7:5,9,16)** *And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him!*
- **Can you imagine Noah's obedience to do all that God commanded him, for a period of over 100 years?**

SUMMARY:

- **Genesis chapter six gives us a clear summary of the stratagems of Satan to destroy,** to corrupt Adam's, the seed of the woman's, line and of the seed of Abraham.
- **We see Satan repeating that over and over – Pharaoh, Haman, King David's line, Herod, Hitler, all manner of Anti-Semitism?**
- **What about today? Satan's stratagem to destroy, is still at it today, to thwart the plan of God and the pre-requisite plan of the Messiah's Second Coming – **(Mat 23:39)** *for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'BLESSED is HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'***
- **In spite of Satan's stratagems, may we remember and proclaim -- *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun!***

CLOSING SONG:

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN – I. Watts; J. Hatton-Hustad Chorale (2:27/2:30)

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
Let every creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen!*

CLOSING PRAYER:

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Genesis Chapters 7 & 8!